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SUBJECT: PROBABLE EVACUATION OF DEPENDENTS OF US OIL COMPANIES

PRETORIA FOR RSO; CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY; CINCLANT FOR POLAD;
CINCEUR FOR POLAD; ADDIS FOR RSS

1. HEAD OF CABINDA GULF OIL CO TOLD US (AUG 7) TODAY HE
SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING VOLUNTARY EVACUATION OF ALL ITS DEPENDENTS
FROM LUANDA. THIS ACTION PARTLY IN RESPONSE TO SIMILAR DECISION
TAKEN BY SMALLER US DRILLING COMPANY, SEDCO. CABGOC DECISION NOT
FINAL. HOWEVER, EVACUATION WILL BE INITIATED UNLESS SITUATION
IMPROVES MARKEDLY TONIGHT. IF INIATED, EVACUATION WILL TAKE PLACE
AS SOON AS SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS CHARTER CAN BE ARRANGED. CABGOC
HOPING FOR AUGUST 9-10. DEPENDENTS WILL FIRST GO TO JOHANNESBURG
AND WAIT THERE A WEEK TO PERMIT SITUATION HERE APPROVE. IF IT
APPEARS INSTABILITY WILL CONTINUE FOR LONG PERIOD DEPENDENTS WILL
BE FLOWN TO U.S. CABGOC WILL PERMIT EACH FAMILY DECIDE FOR ITSELF
IF IT WISHES BE EVACUATED THIS TIME. THEY ESTIMATE 100 WILL LEAVE
INCLUDING DEPENDENTS OF CONTRACT COMPANIES.

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2. DECISION OF CABGOC, AS LARGEST U.S. COMPANY IN ANGOLA, LIKELY
PROMPT OTHER FOREIGN COMPANIES TAKE SIMILAR ACTION.

3. CONGEN DOES NOT RPT NOT CONSIDER SITUATION SERIOUS ENOUGH TO
WARRENT EVACUATION OF DEPENDENTS U.S.G. PERSONNEL AT THIS TIME AND
CABGOC HAS BEEN SO INFORMED.

4. PER REFTTEL (PRETORIA 3571) CABGOC WILL BE INFORMED TIMES
PAA HAS AIRCRAFT ON GROUND AT JO'BURG.

5. COMMENT: WE DO NOT THINK THAT SUFFICIENT CALM WILL RETURN TO
MUSSEQUES TONIGHT TO CAUSE CABGOC TO DELAY DECISION FOR EVACUATION.
COMPANY WILL CONSULT WITH CONGEN TOMORROW A.M. BEFORE TAKING
DECISION.
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